

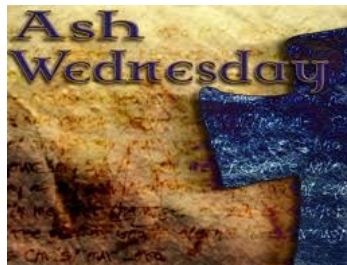


Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois

February 2013 Newsletter

Prepare Your Spirit...

Ash Wednesday starts the season of Lent, a 40-day journey that commemorates Jesus's fasting in the wilderness before he began his ministry. Our journey begins with a ritual of reflection and turning to God: we mark our foreheads with the sign of the cross.



The sanctuary will be open from 7am to 9am for you to receive ashes and a blessing on Wednesday February 13th.

A Lenten daily devotional, *Forty Ways to Pray Lent*, will be available for you to take home.

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**REVIVE! &
ALIVE!**

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An Evening with Soyeon February 16 at 6pm

Soyeon, CCC's accompanist, is planning a very special recital at CCC and hopes that everyone will attend!

We are very fortunate to have this opportunity...
please mark it on your calendar!



Soyeon received her Doctor of Music degree in piano performance at Northwestern University under Prof. Alan Chow. Soyeon also has degrees from Peabody Conservatory (Ann Schein and Maria Hahn) and The Juilliard School (Herbert Stessin). In addition to teaching in the Academy, Dr. Park teaches Keyboard Skills classes to non-piano majors at NU. Other teaching experience includes summer

teaching at the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, and visiting instructor at Hope College in Holland, MI. Dr. Park has performed throughout the mid-west and Korea.

*The CCC Annual Garage Sale
is a long time away...or is it?
Although it is hard to believe,
the 2012 sale was 4 months ago!!*

Please mark your calendar...

*we are really
counting on your
help the week
of September 22-28!!*



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Bryan's Bits

Dear Church Family,

Near the end of January I was in Rolla, Missouri with Ted and Pip Gledhill for Pip's mother's (Jessie) memorial service. Many people came up to the family to share how honored they were to have Jessie touch their lives by sharing her gifts and talents (and cookies!) with them. And in a moment of serious reflection by both pastor and parishioner, we asked ourselves what Jessie meant to us in the stories and memories of her life touching ours.

Here's a wonderful thought - what the people in our lives mean to us and how they have shaped us into who we are - and then think of how will that affect (and infect) the world around us when our lives touch the lives of others?! I believe that the truth of your life will speak to the truth that you hold sacred not in so many words, but in your actions.

With the above thoughts in mind we come to the time of year in our church body when we have put our budget into effect and look to the year knowing that we have many opportunities to serve. Later in this newsletter, you will be asked to complete a Time & Talent Survey (pages 8 & 9)

and we ask that you prayerfully consider where you can affect the world around you by serving the church through your actions lived out in real and effective ways in this community and beyond. Just to name a few we have: Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 3rd, when the youth from our church will hold soup pots for you to donate cash and checks. The youth have decided the money will go to the Holy Family Soup Kitchen where we serve each month.

Another fun-for-the-whole-family ministry opportunity is Feed My Starving Children on February 16th in Libertyville (page 7).

We also have a great time of fellowship at our Birthday Dinner on February 23rd (page 6). This is a fine opportunity to socialize, relax and share a nice meal together!

Many opportunities and many ways to share the love of Christ with those around us. Jesus calls us to practice expressions of His love and the above ways, coupled with many others lead us to a deeper and more profound experience of the love of Christ. See you in the field of sharing!

Blessings,
Bryan

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The CCC men's group meets monthly on the first Saturday of the month for breakfast, fellowship and discussion. The next meeting will take place on Saturday, February 2nd, from 8 to 9 am in Friendship Hall. Breakfast from McDonald's will be picked up for those who would like it. Contact the church office if you can attend.

Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate

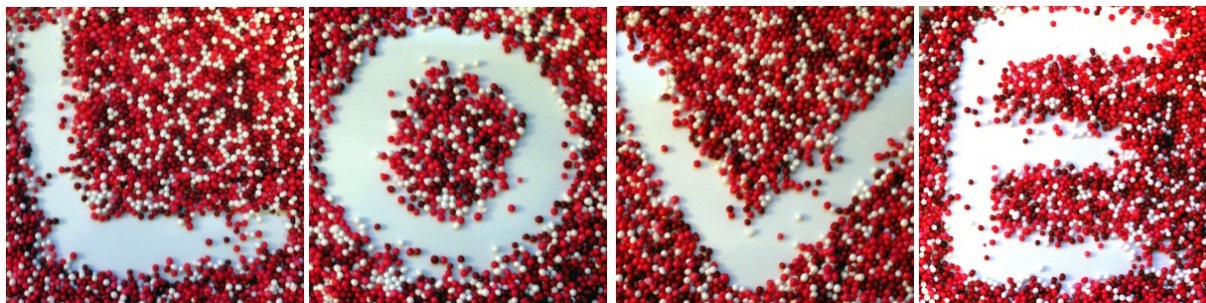
Don't miss the February Women's coffee on Saturday, the 9th! We start at 8am at Einstein's on Milwaukee. It is free flowing - we come and go when we need to. This is such a great time to sit down, relax, and get to know one another better. Mark your calendars now before things get too busy. Come share some coffee and some laughs to start your day off right!



Women's Book Group

This group is using a Bible study book called, "Living Above Worry and Stress" from the Women of Faith study series. There will not be a meeting in February, however, there will be two meetings in March - one the 2nd (chapters 8 & 9) and the 23rd (chapters 10 & 11) at the new time: 10am in the church office. Bring your lunch if you want to eat!

For questions or more information, contact the church office.



Upcoming Events

February 2	Men's Breakfast
February 3	Souper Bowl of Caring
	General Board
February 9	Women's Coffee Break
February 10	PADS Lunches
February 13	Ash Wednesday
	Soup Kitchen
February 16	Feed My Starving Children
	Soyeon's Recital at CCC
February 17	Youth Ski Trip
February 23	Birthday Dinner
	Women's Book Group
February 24	Soup Cook-off
March 2 & 23	Women's Book Group

Ongoing Events

Sundays, 8 & 10am	Worship Services
Sundays, 9am	Adult Sunday School
Sundays, 11:30am-1pm	Youth Group Meetings
Tuesdays, 10am	Sermon in the Round
2nd Wednesday of month, 4pm	Soup Kitchen
Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursdays, 7pm	Bible Study
1st Saturday of month, 8am	Men's Breakfast
2nd Saturday of month, 8am	Women's Coffee Break
2nd Sunday of month, 11:30am	PADS Lunches
4th Saturday of month, 9:15am	Women's Book Group

Keep up with CCC events
Go to the Upcoming Events page on our website:
www.CCCLincolnshire.org

CCC Youth Page

ALIVE!

5th THROUGH 8th GRADERS

REVIVE!

9th through 12th Graders

Friends,

We have lots of exciting things planned for the youth group. We are still plugging away at our Called Series. In the upcoming weeks, we will take a look at how being called to belong to God also means that we are called to serve, to grow, and to remain with Him. These lessons will be tied into our various service events and an upcoming trip in a few months to a nursing home to serve the residents there.

We have some cool upcoming events planned as well! The youth are going on a ski trip to Wilmot Mountain on February 17th. We are getting plans together for our summer mission trip to Grand Rapids from July 12th-19th. We will also be taking a 2 day group bonding excursion to Grand Rapids from July 12th-13th before the trip. As we look ahead, we have a lot of funds that need to be raised for the Mission Trip. One of our exciting new fundraisers suggested by Judy Mankus is the Soup Cook-off. We are calling all soup makers to enter for a chance to win a \$50 grand prize! We will also be babysitting during the Birthday Dinner. More on these and other fundraisers to come!

**Blessings,
Adam**



CCC Youth Calendar

FEB 3	11:30AM	YOUTH GROUP SOUPER BOWL OF CARING
FEB 10	11:30AM	PADS LUNCHES YOUTH GROUP
FEB 13	7-9AM 4-7:30PM	ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP KITCHEN
FEB 16	2-4PM	FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
FEB 17	2PM	ARCTIC BLAST WILMOT TRIP
FEB 23	5-9PM	BABYSITTING FUNDRAISER
FEB 24	11:30AM	SOUP COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER
JULY 12-19		MISSION TRIP



Public Assistance to Deliver

We are very pleased and appreciative to all those supporting the PADS monthly initiative. Without you, we would not be able to meet the needs of the men, women and children. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness, kindness and continued support.

May our Lord Bless our Good Deeds!
-Bev

On the second Sunday of each month, we are charged with making bag lunches for the "guests" who stay at the First Presbyterian Church in Deerfield - a Lake County PADS site. The lunches are provided to the guests on Monday mornings as they go out to job search. We will fill the lunch bags here at CCC directly after worship service on the appointed Sunday. Members and friends of our church



congregation sign up to contribute the specific items needed to fill the bags items. If you are interested in donating, you may sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in Friendship Hall &/or contact the church office.

Children's Church School

2012-2013 Rotation Lesson Plans



February - Zacchaeus

March - Mary Magdalene

April - Easter Around the World

May - Paul: Who Can be a Christian?



Happy Valentines Day



CCC Supports Souper Bowl

There will be a special collection on Sunday, Sunday, February 3rd to benefit the Community Social Services' Soup as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. This is a national event that raises funds to help local charities in communities across the country. CCC youth will be collecting your generous monetary donations in soup pots on February 3rd. Checks should be made out to CCC but designate Souper Bowl on the memo line. Help those in need, and enjoy the football game!

The General Operating Budget data for December 2012 is as follows:

December income	\$23,112
December expenses	\$27,001
YTD income	\$25,756
YTD expenses	\$260,440

CCC's 49th Birthday Dinner

February 23, 5:30 in the evening

White Deer Run in Vernon Hills

This will be a relaxing, enjoyable time with your friends and family from CCC. The evening will begin at 5:30pm with passed hors d'oeuvres and beverages, followed by dinner and dessert. This is an excellent opportunity to invite family and friends to a wonderful meal! The price for the dinner is \$35 and includes the room rental, wait staff/servers, linens and tips. The menu has not been set, but will be buffet style with plenty to eat for everyone, but you

MUST RSVP before
- February 18th -
we absolutely cannot
accept late reservations!



Also by reservation, babysitting will be provided by the youth of CCC to raise funds for the Mission Trip. You can drop your children off at 5pm and pick them up at 9pm, for the suggested minimum donation of \$20 per child. Please let the church office know you'd like a babysitter as soon as possible!

Please fill out and mail with your check, payable to CCC

☐ **CCC Ticket** – \$35. Check boxes and total below

Per person \$35 x _____ # of tickets = \$ _____

Please remember this price includes room rental, wait staff/servers, linens & tips.

☐ **Angel Ticket** – \$35. I/we cannot attend

Per person \$35 x _____ # of tickets = \$ _____

Total:

Add both CCC & Angel Tickets _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

☐ **We Need Babysitting** # of children _____

We Are Looking for Easter Breakfast Volunteers

Easter Sunday is a special day here at CCC and we'd like to keep the breakfast tradition going this year, but your help is needed! The preparations for this pot-luck brunch on March 31st need to be made including set up, clean up and finding the people that will help you. We are that hoping you are the person to coordinate the particulars! The breakfast will be at 9am, sandwiched between the two services.



Please contact the church office with your interest and Judy can help with getting you started.

Your Creativity is Requested

Our Church Birthday Dinner this year will be a nice time to enjoy each other while breaking bread together. To add to the comfortable atmosphere at White Deer Run, we are looking for creative, spring-like floral arrangements that you could create (or that you might already have) and allow us to borrow as centerpieces for the evening of February 23rd. If you'd like to learn more or are able to help, please contact the church office.





We Want to Know What YOU Can Do!

Everyone at CCC has the opportunity to directly serve those in need and the Congregational Care Committee wants to make it easier! Please look at the list of tasks below and check at least one box. You will be called upon to provide a much-needed service to your fellow CCCers.

When you volunteer, your name will be added to a list that will be compiled by the committee and made available to everyone. Using this list, a person in need can call upon you to provide a much needed service.

- ☐ Rides - Are you willing to provide rides for church members and friends to and from church, doctors, etc.?
- ☐ Meals - Can we call on you to provide a meal to church members and friends?
- ☐ Visits - Would you like to visit people who live alone or are house bound after operations, etc.?
- ☐ Errands - May we call you to run errands for a church member or friend?
- ☐ Phone Tree - Could you make phone calls to church members and friends who might need to be contacted?

Your Name

Your Phone Number

Please mail your completed form to the church office.
If you have already completed the postcard, thank you!

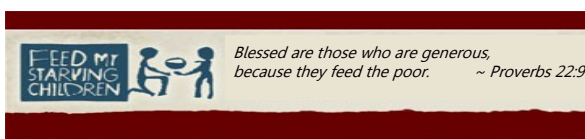
Contact the church office for more

CCC Spring Fundraiser

The CCC spring fundraiser is on its way. As in 2012, the raffle is a fun way to support CCC's ministries. We are currently seeking volunteers and donors:

- ◆ donate something special to CCC, such as a dinner for 8
- ◆ donate something that generates interest outside our membership (electronics, event tickets)
- ◆ design tickets and publicity
- ◆ organize ticket sales (Sundays, Easter Egg Hunt, birthday dinner)
- ◆ volunteer to staff ticket sales
- ◆ generate ideas for low-key sales outside our walls
- ◆ analyze the 2012 results to recommend prizes and ticket prices

What else would you like to see? Share your experience from other non-profit fundraising. Contact Jayne Zimmerman (jz89@comcast.net) with questions, suggestions and support.

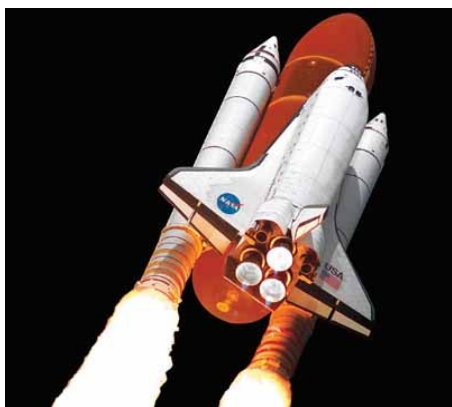


On Saturday, February 16th from 2-4pm CCC members, friends and families are invited to join a food-packing event in LIBERTYVILLE at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). We will hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children which will be shipped to one of 70 countries around the world.

We'll meet at church at 1:15pm to caravan to Libertyville. While donations are not required to pack at this session, FMSC humbly *requests* them. As you're willing and able, you may donate on the day you volunteer or online before or after you pack.

To join the group, contact the church office, or go to:

<http://volunteer.fmssc.org/Register/Group/JoinGroup.aspx?gid=305403>



Help Fuel Our Mission!

A Closer Walk with Thee

Dear CCC Family,

As part of the ongoing stewardship emphasis in our wonderful church I would first like to share some great news. Our church family cheerfully committed and pledged to support (fuel) our mission for this church year – even during our current stressful and uncertain economy. We as a church family will truly do great things with this economic support.

Just as in any family, we from time to time need help and look for answers to our prayers. We are truly blessed to have our church and our fellow members to turn to. When these times arise all it takes is a phone call and reaching out to ask, but who and how are we to provide this help? This is where the following survey comes in- trying to match our many interests and abilities to give aid and love to those in need.

Please help our church staff and the many committees already in action make the connection between God's Grace and the prayers and needs of our community. Giving of your time and energy is the greatest way to serve and will provide a "Closer Walk with Thee" that we can feel and touch.

Please consider how you can serve and indicate that prayerful wish on the enclosed survey. It is a busy world and we are stretched thin, but your prayers will be answered in helping fueling our mission.

Steve
CCC Stewardship

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7



Help Fuel Our Mission!

2013 Time & Talent Survey

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~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

At CCC, we have many ways you can use your God-given gifts to serve. Tell us what you'd like to learn more about, and we'll help you find a place to use those gifts. If you would like to know more, please feel free to contact the church office. Thank you!

I am interested in:

Choir

(sing in the choir at 10 am services, Wed. night rehearsals)

Christian Education

(Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Christmas Pageant)

Communications

(promoting church events, contacting local media agencies)

Community Christian Men

(monthly men's meetings,)

Community Christian Women

(book discussions, women's retreats, social gatherings)

Congregational Care

(helping families in need with meals, transportation, etc.)

Diaconate

(preparation of communion trays, ushering, bulletin distribution, and clean-up after the services)

Fellowship

(Kickoff Sunday picnic, Easter breakfast, coffee fellowship treats)

Finance

(budget preparation, maintenance of church funds)

Fundraisers

(Garage Sale, Birthday Dinner & Auction)

Human Resources

(developing job descriptions, providing compensation data)

General Board Leadership

(Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Recording Secretary, At-Large Members)

Liturgist

(reading the responsive prayers and scripture at the 10am Sunday service)

Membership Development

(follow up with visitors, Easter Egg Hunt, Trick or Trunk)

Outreach

(working with non-profits and charities, promoting special offerings)

Property

(Fall and Spring work days, general property maintenance)

Stewardship

(planning and conducting financial and time and talent campaigns)

Worship

(working with ministers to plan special services, choir, decorations)

Your Name _____ Email _____

 No thanks - Not this year

Please complete & place in the offering tray on Sunday or email to CCCLincolnshire@comcast.net or mail to the Church Office 1970 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Thank You!!

Thank you to those who served at the Soup Kitchen in January:

Jim
Ruby
Nina
Rosalie
Lynn
Lauren

Thank you to all those who served treats at Fellowship Hour in January:

Thank you to everyone for bringing cookies & Goodies for Cookie Sunday! Special shout out to Chris & family and Kelley & Ashley - many thanks!

Thank you to Jim and Perry for taking care of the office door & toilet.

Thank you to everyone who helped put away Christmas.

Happy Birthday!

Dave	2
Gail	3
John	4
MaryJane	8
Brian	8
Barbara	9
Ben	9
Kim	12
Jayne	12
Michael	14
Christy	14
Ron	15
Stephanie	16
Harold	17
Ada	21
Jim	23
Connor	24
Ryan	24
Owen	25
Jessica	25
Matt	25
Jennifer	26
Judy	26
Chandler	26
Victor	28



Happy Anniversary!

Chris and Carolyn	24
Perry and Ginny	24

Long Term Prayer List

When a name is put on the long term prayer list, it will remain there for six months. At the end of that time period, it will be removed. If you feel a name needs to stay on the list beyond six months, simply resubmit the name when it is removed and it will gladly be added. You may also submit a name to the long term prayer list by writing the name on a cross and posting it on the prayer board in Friendship Hall.

Aleondra	Janice & family
Alice & family	Jim
Alma	John & Jen
Ann	John
Bettye & family	Lesli, Bunny & Burt
Beverly	Lisa & family
Brent	Marty
Char	Maya & Family
Danielle & Danny	Michael
Debbie	Mina
Diane & family	National & World
Emma	Leaders
Eric	Nelson
Family of Bill	Our Stephen Ministry
Family of Blair	Our Troops
Family of Chuck	Patty
Family of George	Peggy
Family of Jill	Ray
Family of Keith	Sandy
Family of Linda	Sherry & Robert
Family of Mack	Stacey &
Family of Marla	family
Family of Penny	Tom
Family of Reba	
Family of Sean	
Family of Tom	
Family of Walt	
Florence	
George	
Ginny, Ava & Ingrid	
Helen	
Jane	

Short Term Prayer List

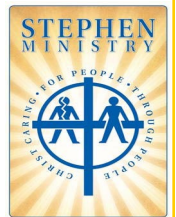
Names added to the short term prayer list will appear for six consecutive weeks, after which, they will be either be taken off the list, or moved to the long term prayer list. Contact the church office to resubmit the name, if needed and it will gladly be added.

Alise
Christy
Family of Jessie
Family of Jim
Gill
Mike



Got Your Valentines Ready?

Here we are the special month of "Love"...Flowers, candy and cards for Valentine's day seem to fly into the stores right on top of the Christmas decorations. It's always fun to think of those we love and those who love us while remembering them with a card, flowers or a little gift. But how often do we really remember where all the endless blessings of our life originate?



A sun-rise that turns the sky bright red, a sun-set that takes your breath away, and the ability to see and witness all these beautiful "gifts". All these incredible blessings are showered on each of us every day, so who really deserves a very large Valentine? Yes, our Heavenly Father does.

If, perchance, you feel that you aren't ready to send our loving Lord your Valentine, it might be wise to meet with a Stephen Minister. Each of our Stephen Ministers has been carefully trained to help you connect, or reconnect with our Lord. Just call Bryan and he can fill you in on all the details.

FEBRUARY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Groundhog Day ■ 8am Men's Breakfast
3 ■ Souper Bowl of Caring ■ 8am Worship ■ 9am Adult SS ■ 10am Worship ■ 11:15am General Board ■ 11:30am Youth Group	4 ■ 7pm Troop 78	5 ■ 10am Sermon in the Round	6 ■ 7pm Choir Practice	7 ■ 7pm Bible Study	8	9 ■ 8am Women's Cof- fee Break
10 ■ PADS Lunches ■ 8am Worship ■ 9am Adult SS ■ 10am Worship ■ 11:30am Youth Group	11 ■ 7pm Troop 78	12 Lincoln's Birth- day Mardi Gras ■ 10am Sermon in the Round	13 ■ 7am Ash Wednesday ■ 4pm Soup Kitchen ■ 7pm Choir Practice	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 ■ 2pm Feed My Starving Chil- dren ■ 6pm Soyeon's Recital
17 ■ Ski Trip ■ 8am Worship ■ 9am Adult SS ■ 10am Worship ■ 11:30am Youth Group	18 President's Day ■ 7pm Troop 78	19 ■ 10am Sermon in the Round	20 ■ 7pm Choir Practice	21 ■ 7pm Bible Study	22	23 ■ 5:30pm Birth- day Dinner
24 ■ 8am Worship ■ 9am Adult SS ■ 10am Worship ■ 11:30am Soup Cook-Off	25 ■ 7pm Troop 78	26 ■ 10am Sermon in the Round	27 ■ 7pm Choir Practice	28		